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## McConaughy, Trustee



DR. JAMES L. MCCONAUGHY

Dr. James L. McConaughy, president of United China Relief and Republican candidate for governor of Connecticut, was elected a permanent trustee of the Northfield schools at the fall meeting of the board Saturday, October 5, it was announced by President William E. Park, who presided.

Dr. McConaughy has been the Mount Hermon School alumni representative on the board for the past five years. Elected as alumni trustees were F. Wilson Keller, director of the Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, and Frank S. Beveridge, president of Stanley Home Products Company, of Westfield, Mass. Mr. Keller was recently elected president of the Mount Hermon Alumni Association and Mr. Beveridge, association president for the last five years, was elected alumni trustee of the association. On Friday evening the trustees gathered for dinner at the Northfield Hotel and at the meeting in Holbrook Hall on Saturday reports by the president, principal, headmaster and treasurer were read and approved by the board.

### Attends DAR Meet

Mrs. Ellis E. Jones, of South Vernon, who is active and a well known member of the Daughters of the American Revolution was one of the delegates from the Brattleboro chapter to attend the annual Vermont state conference held at Bennington September 30. She was accompanied by Miss Ellen Thomas of Merrill-Keep Hall of the Northfield School for Girls who acted as page to the State Regent.

### High Classes Elect

The classes of the four grades at the high school have held their meetings for organization and have chosen the following officers:

Senior class, Robert Hubbard, president; Alva Jones, vice president; Lois Stearns, secretary; Carolyn Miller, treasurer; junior class, David Quinn, president; Jerome Gingras, vice president; Ruth Holton, treasurer; Doris Doolittle, secretary; sophomore class, Donald Hutchinson, president; Manuel Mello, vice president; Rita Mello, secretary; Vera Allen, treasurer; freshman class, Edgar Parker, president; Anne Berling, vice president; Raymond Duda, treasurer, and Barbara Fortier, secretary.

Dr. William E. Park was guest speaker at the Middlebury College chapel on Sunday, October 6, and this weekend will take part in the inauguration of Miss Sarah Gibson Blanding as president of Vassar College.

## Directs Hermon Alumni

Rev. Lester P. White, formerly head of the Bible department and chaplain of Mount Hermon School, veteran of two wars, was elected secretary of Mount Hermon's Alumni Association at the fall meeting of the board of trustees of the Northfield schools Saturday, October 5. Mr. White will take office late in October and succeeds Gaylord W. Douglass, incumbent since 1942.

Discharged from the Army Chaplain's Corps earlier this year with the rank of captain, Mr. White had served as an instructor in army chaplain school at Harvard University, Fort Devens and Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. He also served in the armed forces in the first world war and was about to be assigned to a post in the Chaplain's Corp of the Veterans' Administration when he was elected to the Mount Hermon office.

He was born in Brooklyn, attended Mount Hermon School from 1915 to 1917 and again in 1919. In the fall of that year he entered Clarke University, graduating in 1923 and received his Master of Arts degree in 1924. He then taught economics at Lafayette College and George Washington University for two years and entered Yale Divinity School as a student in 1926. After graduating in 1929 he came to Mount Hermon as chaplain and head of the Bible department. In 1939 he resigned to become pastor of the Cutchogue (Long Island) Methodist Church and he remained with the Eastern New York Conference of the denomination until he entered the army in 1942.

Mrs. White, the former Alma G. Williams, graduated from Northfield School for Girls in 1920 and later from Peter Bent Brigham School of Nursing in Boston. She is the niece of Charles and Frank Williams of this town and her father, Fred, and two uncles were natives of Warwick. There are three sons, Edwin, 16; Robert, 14, and William, 12. The two older boys are now students at Mount Hermon.

### To Address Teachers

President William E. Park will be one of three speakers to address the 6,000 members of the Middlesex County Teachers' Association at their convention in Boston October 25. The other speakers will be Channing Pollock and Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen. The addresses will be delivered in Symphony Hall and repeated in the Boston Opera House, both of which will be required to seat the members. Dr. Park's subject will be "Challenge of Youth."

### Chula—Cembalist

The wedding of Miss Adelia Cembalisty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cembalisty and Stanley M. Chula, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chula, of 290 Conway Street, Greenfield, took place in St. Patrick's Church Saturday morning, September 21st. Father Kreska performed the double ring ceremony. Traditional wedding marches were played and Joseph Chula, brother of the groom, sang several solos. The church was decorated with white gladiolus.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Edward Luciw as matron of honor and Edward Luciw served as best man.

The bride was gowned in white moire with long train and veil. She carried a cascade bouquet of gardenia. The matron of honor wore a white matching gown and carried a bouquet of yellow gladioli with blue bachelor buttons, with matching flowers in her hair.

A family dinner and reception at the home of the bride's parents followed the ceremony. The couple left on a wedding trip to the White Mountains and Maine.

## County GOP Rally

There will be an old-fashioned political rally by the Republicans of Greenfield on Monday evening, October 14, to which all Republicans are invited to cooperate from the various towns of the county. There will be a parade through the city streets to Beacon Field led by a military band and greetings will be extended to all the Republican candidates who have arranged to attend. The parade will form at 7 P. M. and promises to be a picturesque procession. There will be torch lights and a bonfire. Meet the candidates at Beacon Field and hear them tell their story. Northfield is urged to participate and members of the local Republican town committee expect to be in Greenfield for the event.

### Nurse Reports

Miss Natalie Gowen, public health nurse, has submitted the following report on her work for September: Total visits, 99; chronic cases, 99; acute cases, five; pre-natal, one; infant health supervision, 14; adult health supervision, five; pre-school health supervision, two; school health supervision, three; transportation, six, and social service, four.

## The Fortnightly

The Fortnightly will hold its second meeting of the year at Alexander Hall on October 18th at 3 P. M. Mrs. Arthur N. Ball, of the staff of the State Hospital, Northampton, Mass., will be the speaker and her address will be "Facts and Fallacies of Mental Hospitals."

### Auction Attraction

There are many auctions held about this time every year throughout this territory and all are well attended by both purchasers and curiosity seekers. Each type of auction attracts its particular patrons but when an auction of special importance is announced, crowds will flock to it and it marks a diversion in life's program. Such an auction was held last week in Old Deerfield when the contents of the historic house of the late Miss Susan Hawks was sold with its valuable collections of furniture, china, glass, pewter and antiques. A large tent with seating accommodated 500 persons present and luncheons could be purchased. Many from Northfield attended and participated in bidding for the desired articles. Some were successful in their purchasing and the articles brought here to Northfield homes.

## County Men's Clubs

The Franklin County Federation of Men's Clubs and Church Brotherhoods will meet Monday evening, October 28, at the First Congregational Church in Turners Falls with President Harry A. Erickson, of Mount Hermon, presiding. The guest speaker will be the Rt. Rev. W. Appleton Lawrence of Springfield and bishop of Western Massachusetts whose subject will be "The Protestant Church Looks Ahead." Before the meeting supper will be served at 6.30 at the Congregational, Baptist and Episcopal churches and those who expect to attend should make early reservation for tickets.

### Garden Club Session

The local Garden Club held its scheduled meeting at Alexander Hall on Monday evening, October 7, with President Irving J. Lawrence presiding, and Daniel Bodley in charge of the program. There was not a large attendance but the meeting was most interesting as the guest speaker was Carlton Erickson of the Greenfield High School who spoke on plant life and showed some excellent movies in color. All attending felt that such meeting were worth the while.

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## Town Topics

The State Line Fellowship of the South Vernon Church which is its men's brotherhood, will meet Monday evening, October 14 and be addressed by the Rev. Dr. M. S. Czatt, of Brattleboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Laselle entertained their grandson and family, Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Durgin and daughter over last weekend as well as their daughter, Mrs. Delphine Durgin.

Mrs. David Tompkins of Winchester Road is opening her home Wednesday afternoon, October 16, for a meeting of the W.C.T.U. A report of the recent state convention will be read and there will be an exhibit of the prize posters by pupils of the 7th and 8th grades of our schools. The prizes will be awarded by the judges of \$5, \$3 and \$2 to the young artists. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

Harmony Lodge of Masons held their regular monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall Wednesday evening, October 9. It was also the annual meeting with the presentation of reports and election of officers for the coming year.

Edward M. Powell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell, has entered the university at Chapel Hill at North Carolina. Norton Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Field has entered Brown University.

In Brattleboro on Thursday evening, 8 o'clock, October 24, in the First Baptist Church, there will be given an organ concert by Virgil Fox, prophet of the concert organ.

Rev. E. W. Blackstone, pastor of the Advent Christian Church, was in attendance at the recent Western Massachusetts Conference of the denomination held at Waterbury, Conn.

Rev. Ellis E. Jones, pastor of the Vernon Union Church, will again teach at Mount Hermon School. He will continue to live at the parsonage.

The detailed lists of Values and Valuations are being prepared by the assessors through its clerk and when the arduous work is completed the new 1946 book will be issued and distributed.

Tuesday evening, September 24, the local Grange held a gathering to which the public was invited to meet the school teachers of our schools. A welcome was extended by Master Charles E. Olds and Supt. Robert Taylor gave a brief talk. The Mount Grace Melodiers of Warwick furnished music selections. Refreshments were served by a committee.

Filed recently in the Registry Mary A. Callaghan conveyed to Margaret C. Dollard four and a half acres of land on Main Street.

The next meeting of the Friendly Class of the Congregational Church will be held Monday evening, October 21, when Mrs. Harriett Truesdale Richmond will speak on her missionary work in South Africa.

Brattleboro has been chosen for one of the two major New England music festivals when it is expected that between 600 and 700 high school musicians will attend in March, 1947.

Mrs. T. T. Brown, of Main Street, expects to close her home this week and leave for her residence in Orlando, Fla.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Berger, of Syracuse, N. Y., president of the Rustic Ridge Association, spent a few days this week at their cottage on Pine Street to enjoy the foliage in motor trips.

Major William Marshall, of Highland Avenue, is remaining in army service and is stationed in Osaka, Japan. He enjoys the assignment.

Electrically operated "blinkers" and traffic signals are installed at the foot of Moody Street at the intersection. They will be an aid in facilitating the crossing of the highway by pedestrians.

Mr. Pitt, our well known insurance agent, reminds us that Fire Prevention Week, observed from October 6 to 12, traditionally marked the 75th anniversary of the great Chicago fire of 1871.

Fifteen natives of the Bahamas were engaged this summer by Frank Podlenaki for farm work. Most of them have returned and given up their jobs, probably due to the cold weather.

The annual meeting and supper of the Congregational Church was held on Wednesday evening, October 9, when reports were received from the various departments and election held. A full report in our next issue.

The marriage of Earle Taylor Blodgett, of South Vernon, and Miss Lillie Mae Johnson, of Guilford, has been announced. It took place at Chesterfield, N. H., last August 24.

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